Application No. 09/523,065 Amendment dated September 2, 2004 Reply to Office Action of June 2, 2004

Remarks

The examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 6-8, 12, 16, 17, 22, 23, 27-29, 33, 37, 38, 43, 44, 48-50, 54, 58, 59, 64, 65, 73-75, 85, 95-99, 102, 104, 105, 109, 111-120, 122, 124-127 and 129-137; and has objected to claims 4, 5, 9-11, 13-15, 18-21, 24-26, 30-32, 34-36, 39-42, 45-47, 51-53, 55-57, 60-63, 66-72, 76-94, 100, 101, 103, 106-108, 110, 121, 123 and 128 as being dependent from rejected claims. Applicant is either canceling the rejected claims, amending them to be dependent from otherwise allowable claims, or amending them to include the subject matter of an allowable dependent claim. Applicant is also amending the remaining allowable claims to which the examiner has objected to independent form, incorporating all of the features of the claims from which they depend.

Applicant has made other minor formal revisions to the claims to improve their readability in view of the amendments noted above.

It is submitted that the amendments place the application in condition for allowance. It is requested that the examiner call counsel, identified below, should any issues remain with the claims or other parts of the application.

Enclosed is a check for \$1,204 for 14 additional independent claims. Applicant does not believe that any other fees are due in connection with this submission. However, if such extension is due or any other fees are necessary, the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to deposit account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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